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PASS TO SECRETARY BERGLAND AT AGRICULTURE

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SUBJ: NOMINATION FOR CHAIRMAN - FAO CONFERENCE - ROME, NOV 1977

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE ADVISING THAT GOI INTENDS TO NOMINATE HE DR. TOYIB HADIWIJAYA MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE XIX SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ROME IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

NOTE CITES FOLLOWING REASONS FOR THIS DECISION:

(1) AGRICULTURE PLAYS A DOMINANT ROLE IN THE INDONESIAN ECONOMY AND HAS BEEN GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY IN THE SECOND FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN;

(2) WHILE CONTINUING TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING ASSISTANCE FROM FAO TO ENHANCE ITS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT INDONESIA WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ITS GREAT EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THIS IMPORTANT SECTOR;

(3) SINCE IT HAS BEEN A MEMBER INDONESIA HAS NOT HAD THE HONOR TO HOLD THE HIGHEST OFFICE AS CHAIRMAN OF ANY FAO CONFERENCE.

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2. THE NOTE STATES GOI WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD LEND ITS INVALUABLE SUPPORT TO CANDIDATURE OF MINISTER TOYIB HADIWIJAYA TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. DR. TOYIB HAS SERVED AS DEAN OF AGRICULTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOGOR; AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM; MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENCES; MINISTER OF PLANTATIONS; IN ADDITION TO BEING INDONESIAN

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SINCE 1968. HE IS REGARDED AS FAVORABLY  
INCLINED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES. WE BELIEVE DR. TOYIB WOULD BE  
A SATISFACTORY CHAIRMAN AND WOULD BE PERSONNALLY INCLINED TO MODERATE  
POSITIONS ON ISSUES RAISED AT CONFERENCE BY GROUP OF 77. WE SUGGEST  
CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SUPPORTING HIS CANDIDACY.

4. SECRETARY BERGLAND IS ACQUAINTED WITH DR. TOYIB WHO WAS HOST  
DURING MOST OF SECRETARY'S RECENT VISIT.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE FOR AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE  
TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE.  
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